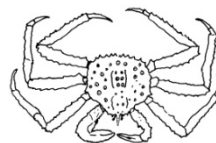

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COMMERCIAL GOLDEN KING CRAB ANNOUNCEMENT MID-CHATHAM STRAIT AREA CLOSURE

Juneau. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) announced today that the commercial golden king crab fishery in the Mid-Chatham Strait Area will close at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, April 15, 2012.

Based on an analysis of effort levels and harvest projections, harvest is expected to reach the 110,000-pound GHL for the Mid-Chatham Strait Area by 6:00 p.m. Sunday, April 15, 2012. The department will continue to monitor golden king crab harvest levels in the remaining five open areas. Permit holders are reminded that call-in requirements remain in effect for all current registrants. Permit holders are also requested to notify the department when they change areas or cease fishing.

A vessel may leave gear in a stored condition for five days after the closure of a portion of Registration Area A [5 AAC 34.127(2)]. All gear must be removed from the Mid-Chatham Strait Area no later than 6:00 p.m. Friday, April 20, 2012.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C0612.

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